

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES**

**(Additions are underlined.)**

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The paragraph at page 11, lines 17-18 was amended as follows:

Fig. 1 shows a homology in amino acid sequence of a human amino acid transporter LAT1 (SEQ ID NO: 2) with that of a rat amino acid transporter LAT1 (SEQ ID NO: 4).